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Hongkong, 10th January, 1895. [27]

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House, brought direct at first hand,
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Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895. [5]

BIRTH.

At Holbow, on the 11th instant, the wife of
GEORGE D. SHARNHORST, I. M. Customs, of a
son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 11th of February, 1895, at Holy Trinity
Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges,
M.A., ROBERT DOWNIE, Master Mariner,
Shanghai, to Mary Laidlaw, daughter of Thomas
Fringle, Esq., Leslie, Fifehire.

DEATH.

At Wenchow, on the 11th instant, EMMA, the
dearly beloved wife of Alfred Albert Godwin,
I. M. Customs, aged 35 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1895.

TELEGRAMS.

THE END OF ADMIRAL TING.

Admiral Ting and the Commandant of the
Island of Liu-kung-tao (Taotai Tai) have com-
mitted suicide.

BIMETALLISM.

There is a strong bimetallic movement in
Germany. The Reichstag has passed a resolu-
tion calling on the Government to convene
an Interstate Monetary Conference. Prince
Hohenlohe is disposed to consider the matter
favourably. Graf von Posadowsky (Secretary
of State for Finance) is a powerful bimetallic
speech, said that this decision had caused a rise
in all silver securities.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

The surrender of Wei-hai-wei is complete; the
Chinese soldiers and sailors, and the foreigners
(with the exception of the American subject
Howie) have been liberated.

CHINESE REPULSE.

The Chinese attacked Hancheng on the 16th
instant, and were repulsed with heavy losses.

EXETER HALL "LEFT" AT LAST.

The Newmarket Branch has dismissed the
summons against the Jockey Club and have
refused to grant permission to appeal.

THE WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

This is the twenty-seventh day of continued
frost in England resulting in the London Cor-
respondent holding scores of fifties daily. The cold
is extreme and distressing.

(Special to *Stam Observer*.)

SUICIDE OF A SIAMESE OFFICIAL.

LAKON, Siam, February 4th.
Khoo Tarb, a brother of Phya Song, the
Siamese Commissioner at Ch'engmai, shot
himself on Friday with a revolver. The shot
lodged in the abdomen, and the patient lingered
on until 7 o'clock the next evening, when he
expired.

[The telegram does not state whether the wound
was inflicted purposely or as the result of an
accident. The fact that Khoo Tarb was
shot in the abdomen may suggest the latter
alternative.—Ed. S. G.]

ENGLAND & ALL AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, February 5th.
In the match between Mr. Stoddart XI and
All Australia the former made only 65 in their
first innings, and 72 in the 'follow-on'.

(Special to *N. C. Daily News*.)

MORE OBSTRUCTION.

TIENTSIN, February 8th.

"General" von Hanneken asked permission
to lead a force to relieve Wei-hai-wei, which was
granted by Prince Kung, but nothing was done
owing to Hu Yü-ten, ex-Kuangsi Judge.
Immediately memorialising the Throne that it
would be dangerous to place military power in
foreigners' hands. Jealousy was the cause of
the memorial. He is allowed to memorialise
personally, hence Viceroy Li had no opportunity
to prevent the foolish memorial from reaching
the Throne.

LATEST FROM WEI-HAI-WEI.

CHEFOO, February 9th.
The *Tingyuen*, *Laiyuen* and *Waiyuen* are
sunk, but not the *Chingyuen*. Liu-kung-tao Island
is still holding out.

(Official News)

THE CHINESE LOSSES.

CHEFOO, February 9th.
The Chinese losses have been as follows: the
Chingyuen, ironclad, *Chingyuen*, steel cruiser, and
Kuangyuen, wooden torpedo cruiser, were safe and
unharmed. The *Tingyuen*, steel cruiser, and
Waiyuen, armed cruiser, were badly damaged,
but safe.

In passing Chefoo the Japanese ships fired at
the forts and the fire was returned.

PRISONERS AND REFUGEES.

CHEFOO, February 10th.
The Chinese captured twenty-three Japanese
mounted scouts this morning, 18 miles south of
Chefoo.

Governor Li seems bent on indiscriminate de-
capitation. He has been trying to decapitate
the telegraphic manager and clerk of Wei-hai-wei
village, who, it seems, decamped only when they
found the place deserted by the troops defending it.
So far these latest victims of impotent rage
have evaded the men sent after them.

ADMIRAL TING'S CONDITION.

CHEFOO, February 11th.
Several scouts arriving from Wei-hai-wei
declare that Admiral Ting, though very seriously
wounded, is still alive, and in spite of medical
advice to keep quiet for a few days persists in
going about supported by a couple of servants,
attending to the defence of the port.

Wei-hai-wei is making a very good defence
yet and besides the remaining vessels of the
Peking fleet, there are still eight torpedo boats
of the A class in the harbour to assist the fleet.

LIUKUNGTAO HOLDING OUT.

February 12th.
Scouts returning from Wei-hai-wei report that
on the 11th all was safe at Wei-hai-wei. The
remainder of the Peking fleet, eight in number,
and six torpedo boats were still defending
Liukungtao Island. There are yet two forts
close to the western entrance, armed with our
best guns, still in our hands, though two more
at a distance south-westwards, near Wei-hai-wei
town, have been taken by the enemy; these
forts are, however, destroyed.

EXTRAORDINARY RUSE.

February 12th.
Wong Ting-yuen, Lieutenant in command of
a Chinese torpedo boat, and Mr. Chin-shu, first
Lieutenant on board the *Tingyuen*, flagship, both
natives of Tientsin, left by one of the merchant
steamers for Shanghai. They are now wanted
for having made false reports to the Chefoo
Tao-tai concerning the loss of Liukungtao Island,
the death of Admiral Ting, and that the Japanese
were in full advance for Chefoo. Owing to their
false reports the Governor, Li Ping-heng, was
persecuted by the local mandarins at Chefoo to
withdraw all his troops from the vicinity of that
port, in order to avoid giving the enemy the
excuse to attack Chefoo. The Chefoo Tao-tai
Liu and General Su, however, declared their
intention to remain at their posts till the last.

THE ENVOYS RETURNING.

NAAGAKI, February 13th.
Their Excellencies Chang Ying-hsun and
Shao Yu-ten, special Chinese Envoys to Japan,
and suite, return by the French mail and will
arrive at Wanchow at 4 p.m. on the 13th instant.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Manila*,
from London, left Bombay for this port on the
16th inst.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson
& Co.

NOTHING is easier than fault-finding. No talent,
no self-denial, no brains, no character are
required to set up to the grumbling business.
And nothing is accomplished with greater ease
than "picking holes" in a man who is battling
with life's storms against overwhelming odds.

The *Bangkok Times* of the 7th instant has the
following reference to the cholera epidemic in
the dominions of the King of Chulalongkorn—
"Cholera is still prevalent on the other side of
the river. It chiefly arises from drinking brackish
water. The disorder is also very bad at
Ayutthia."

MORE military larrikinism! At the Magistrate's
court, before Mr. Wodehouse, J. Gillett,
Private of the Rifle Brigade, appeared on a
charge of being drunk and assaulting the police
while in the execution of their duty in Wellington
Street on Saturday night. The defendant, who
had treated the police in a disgraceful manner,
got off cheaply—minus \$5.

W. ROBINSON & Co., piano builders, tuners and
repairers.

REMARK will be right next April and L. O. XIII
will be right-five in March. The "Grand Old
Man" is 85.

JURORS summoned for the present Criminal
Sessions need not attend to-morrow morning,
the Sessions having been concluded.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W.
Robinson & Co.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ended Feb. 17th, are—
Europeans, 176; Chinese, 1708; total, 1884.

THE Post and Money Order Offices will be
closed at noon on Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday, the 20th, 21st and 22nd inst., respectively.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Delphi*, with
mail, &c., from San Francisco to the 24th ult.,
has arrived at Nagasaki, and left for this port
at 3 p.m. yesterday.

"Four months ago," says a Bangkok paper, "a
chest of opium fetched \$550 in Bangkok, but
now its value has gone up to \$800—a price
hitherto unknown here."

ONLY a London *Times* advert:—"Youth, aged
18, home-from college, would like to meet with
some gentleman, who would take an interest in
him, &c. This, like to-day's temperature, is
sufficiently cool."

THE British steamer *Esmeralda*, which
arrived here from Manila, reports passing
the steamer *Zoffia* bound for Manila, in lat.
15.50 deg. north and long. 119.77 deg. east, on
the 16th inst., and the *Yusung* on the 17th
inst., from Hongkong to Manila, in lat. 19.16
deg. north and long. 116.28 deg. east.

At the Magistrate's court, a woman named Kwok
Sam, of Stanley Street, was charged at the instance
of P. C. R. McEwen, with attempting to commit
suicide by jumping into the harbour on the 17th
inst., as reported in these columns on the 17th
inst. The Magistrate found the unfortunate woman
over in the sum of \$10 to be of good behaviour
for one month.

"The first gallies before the races came off
at the Happy Valley this morning. The course
was in splendid going order and the performance
consequently better than usual, and enabled
"Early Bird" to arrive at better conclusions for
his tips, published in another column, than
would otherwise have been possible. His notes
on these gallies will be published in *extenso*
in our mid-day *Extra* to-morrow."

THE war correspondents who have been abusing
the Japanese Staff officers for having turned the
campaign into a regular picnic for them and
offering them champagne and paid-de-fete-gras
when they ask for news, will be somewhat com-
forted by their lot by learning that General
Mierlet, the late French Minister-of-war,
decided to refuse permission to journalists to
accompany the Madagascar expedition, giving as
a reason that he would not be able to guarantee
their safety.

THE *Frisco Chronicle* states that latest advices
indicate the coming yachting season for the
America Cup. The Earl of Doncaster, who, as
"Early Bird" to arrive at better conclusions for
his tips, published in another column, than
would otherwise have been possible. His notes
on these gallies will be published in *extenso*
in our mid-day *Extra* to-morrow."

THE question, "which of all the navies of the
world would stand the best chance to win a
battle on the sea proving that each had all its
fighting craft, large and small, in action?" is one
that no one could ever answer, for the reason
that such a thing would probably never occur,
and if by chance the full strength of any two
navies should meet, the result might be of
doubtful issue. This has been proven in the China
Japan war. The Chinese had as good vessels
as the Japanese, but the Japanese happened to
get in the best luck and came out ahead.

THE Japanese were correspondent in Manchuria
who wrote the other day of the hardships of
campaigning made a singular betrayal of his lack
of physical strength or of mental power. He
declares that poor food and forced marches
reduced him to such a state that he could make
only five miles in five hours. Fancy an American or an English
"special" reduced to such a low state of vitality
as this. It could only happen in case of pro-
longed exposure to very low temperatures or of
great exertion at high altitudes, as in mountain
climbing of which there is, no doubt, plenty in
the wilds of Manchuria.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, before
Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Police Judge, and a
jury consisting of W. H. Wickham, C. F. Gross-
man, A. F. Osmond, C. Tomlin, G. Patton, C.
G. Engel, F. R. W. Gilmore, and C. J. Goncalves,
Cheung Tsan Sui was charged with murdering
a coolie at Wanchow, three weeks ago,
and also with committing a larceny and wound-
ing with intent to resist lawful apprehension.
Mr. W. M. Goodman (Attorney General),
instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson (Crown Solicitor)
prosecuted, and Dr. Ho Kai defended the prisoner,
who pleaded not guilty. The jury found prisoner
guilty of manslaughter, and he was thereupon
sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

CERTAIN Italian bacteriologists have now
denounced as pernicious the bland manure
which has enabled all the world to assimilate
stale bread, Dr. Rohde, of Zurich, and Dr. Favre,
of Turin, have declared that the use of butter is
highly dangerous, as they have found the tuber-
cles bacillus in butter. The sequence
of reasoning is obvious. Butter may be tuber-
culous, produce tuberculous milk, which
may be consumed by a person in the
receptive condition for tuberculous, who may
develop phthisis; ergo, no prudent person
should eat butter!

The issue of *The Oregonian*, recently received
at this office, gives a fair idea of what the State
of Oregon is, what stage of development it has
reached; what its resources are, and what may
be expected of its future. Threads of history
run through the principal articles, weaving the
past and present together. Much attention has been
given to the "cave" of Astoria, Salween, the
development of the great power plant
Oregon City and to its promise of results in
manufacturing industry; to general description
and illustration of other towns, not forgetting
Vancouver. For the first time the Ball Lake
waterworks are specially described and illustrated,
and the new era opening through rail-
way connection is fore-shadowed in an able
article on that town. The lumber, fish, mining,
agricultural and educational interests of the
State, and to an extent of the Northwest gener-
ally, are dealt with in various descriptive articles.
It is a number useful for preservation, and
equally useful for transmission to most parts of
the world, and shows what enterprise, energy
and capital combined and well directed may
accomplish in a comparatively short space of
time.

New piano repairing machinery, received by
W. Robinson & Co.

THE interest which the King of Korea is
manifesting in the war seems to be purely
platonic.

FULL stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars,
accordions, strings and fittings of all kinds at
W. Robinson & Co.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that his
Excellency the Governor has recognized Mr. E.
Leroux as Consul for France at this port.

WE are informed by the Agent of the Messageries
Maritimes Co. that the steamer *Sydney*, with
the next French mail, left Saigon for this port
at 7 a.m. to-day.

Mr. HROGIE, the manager of the Ratuiri Tin
Mining Co., arrived at Bangkok last week with
50 piculs of ore, which have been sent to
Singapore to be smelted.

It is rumoured, says the *Stam Free Press* of
the 4th inst., that Prince Sevaizi is on his way
out to Siam, and the Prince Biddayah and
family leave next week for Hongkong.

THE German steamship *Li-yu*, which arrived
here last night from Shanghai, reports passing
the German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* at
11 a.m. yesterday, bound north, off Cheung
Point.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No.
1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand
Street, on Friday, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 for
9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially
invited.

ANOTHER victory by the Japs rather smashes
the old saying that "It's a long time that has
not been seen." A long time has not been seen
since the fall of Wei-hai-wei reached
Uncle Johnathan's domain.

DR. HO KAI, who has not appeared at the
Sessions for some time past, sent the greater
part of his defence in a coolie charged at the
Criminal Sessions, which commenced this
morning, with causing the death of a Chinaman
at Wanchow-ching village three weeks ago.

CAPTAIN OTTO FILIPPE, who travelled last year
from Burma into China, is in the East again,
with the object of undertaking a much more
serious and dangerous journey. He proposes to
go from Assam across the wild mountain chains
of the Himalayas, and thence to China, and
lying between that province and China, and
hopes to touch the upper waters of the Yangtze,
near Balang, which lies on the route from China
to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. No European,
it is said, has ever performed this journey,
though it has been the object of the ambition of
many adventurous travellers.

It is certainly fitting that the proprietors of *Out-
ing* should send a competent man to ascertain
the fate of Lenz, the bicyclist, who was last heard
of at Tabriz, Persia. Lenz started on a tour
round the world on his wheel in emulation of the
two St. Louis men, Allen and Sachtleben. He
showed great fertility of resource, as he got
across China without serious trouble or delay.
What happened to him in Persia is a mystery,
but probably he was either murdered by a native
or killed by someone who coveted his machine or
other property. It is difficult to bring an offender
to justice in Persia, but with the aid of the Ameri-
can Minister there who has disposed of Lenz
should be made to expiate his crime.

MESSRS. W. G. Hale & Co. in their *Circular*
dated 24th ult., 1895, say that
"owing to a depression in the Hongkong market
prices assumed an earlier tendency recently, but
in spite of the low rate of exchange, have
proved far too high for the European market.
At the close, however, owing to renewed demands
from the Straits and Java, our market has
hardened again, but it is generally hoped that
on account of the depressed state of the Hong-
kong rice market, prices will give way before
long. The following retail prices have been
passed by the French Government and came into
force from the 1st ultimo:—An increase of 5
cents per 100 kilos on rice and paddy exported
to neighbouring ports; a duty of 5 cent per 100
kilos on rice and broken rice exported to the
same destinations; the rates of export duty to
Europe, America and Australia are unchanged.
As regards the general tone of our freight
market, there is little or no disposition to charter,
and speculators who at the opening of the
season, rushed in for monthly or trip settlements,
regret the high rates at which they engaged
tonnage. In all probability, for some time to
come, rates will not advance much. The only
real demand that actually exists is for the Straits
and Java to which direction handy-sized boats
could obtain 15 and 28 cents respectively for
prompt loading."

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders
in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Com-
pany, Limited, was held at three o'clock this
afternoon at the offices of the Company, No.
14, Praya Central, Mr. J. S. Van Buren
(Chairman) presided, and there were also pre-
sent Messrs. J. J. Kerwick, N. A. Slesig, J.
Kramer, St. C. Michaelson, J. A. Lewis, G. B.
Dodwell (Directors), C. S. Sharp, G. M. Bain,
R. H. Mitchell, W. J. Gresson, E. J.
Hughes, A. Ross, A. Becker and D. Gilles
(Secretaries).

The Secretary having read the notice conven-
ing the meeting.

The Chairman said,—"Gentlemen, the re-
port and accounts having been in your hands
for some time, with your kind permission,
I take them as read. The volume of work done
at the Company's wharves during the last
six months has been very satisfactory, although
the net profit is somewhat less than in recent
years, but this is accounted for in a great mea-
sure by the fact that our charges for work have
remained about the same for the past ten years,
whereas the cost of labour and material has
been gradually advancing. The net amount
available for appropriation is \$723,236.73, and
our Directors have again the pleasure of recom-
mending the payment of a dividend of 7 per cent.
for the half year, a bonus of \$100 to contributing
shareholders, \$35,000 to be written off the value
of the Kowloon Docks and \$5,000 from the
steam launches, and the balance \$22,761.73
carried forward to the new account, and trust
this distribution will meet with your approval.
From the statement of accounts you will observe
that it has again been found necessary to write
off the large sum of \$7,201.99 from the Admiralty
Loan Exchange Adjustment Account. At our
last meeting when this account was closed at 2s.
1d., the Board hoped that no further provision
would be required in the future, but, unfortunately,
silver has continued to fall and we have again
been compelled to make good the depreciation. It is,
of course, useless to hazard a guess as to the future
of silver, but it is to be hoped there may be a
stoppage of the downward movement, and an
eventual rise in value, which will put this
account on a more satisfactory footing. During
the course of the past year forced draught has
been fitted to the steam boilers at both the Kow-
loon and Cosmopolitan Docks and workshops
and has been found to work satisfactorily,

admitting of the burning of the Charbonnages
dust coal, there being no difficulty or trouble
in maintaining a full pressure of steam
with that kind of fuel. Although the quantity
of Charbonnages dust consumed is about
the same as of Japanese coal, the lower
cost of the former represents a considerable
saving in the course of the year. We have also
added several new machines and tools to both
our principal establishments, and these have
been found to answer their purpose admirably,
and have given thorough satisfaction, enabling
the work to be done more quickly, and at a smaller
cost than has heretofore been possible. The
Cosmopolitan Dock has always laboured under
disadvantage in not possessing an erecting shop,
and the necessary modern appliances for the
handling of heavy weights, much time having
been lost in moving heavy pieces of machinery,
and getting them in and out of the machines.
With a view to placing the workshops of this
Dock in a more satisfactory condition, and in
order to furnish the necessary facilities for hav-
ing all work more promptly accomplished, your
Directors have sanctioned the erection of a
new fitting shop, and a travelling crane cap-
able of lifting 15 tons, the estimated cost of
these improvements being about \$15,000. The
returns from the Aberdeen Docks shows a
loss for the six months of \$3,257, but of this
amount \$1,500 was the cost of the repairs to
the buildings damaged by the typhoon of
October last, the balance being the debit of the
working account. The returns from this Dock
are not what we should like to see them, but we
hope they may be more satisfactory during the
coming year. Our prospects for the half-year
just begun are very favourable, the net profit of
the month of January being \$30,000, and both
the Kowloon and Cosmopolitan Docks are at
present fully employed. It is with the most
profound sorrow—sorrow I am sure which is
shared by all present—that I have to refer to the
sad death of our late colleague Mr. H. Hoppius,
who had for twenty-three years been a member of
this Board. Mr. Hoppius, at all times, evinced
the keenest interest in the welfare and prosperity
of the Company, and his valuable counsel and
practical advice in the administration of our
affairs were always appreciated and will be
greatly missed in the future.

These being no questions, the Chairman
moved, and Mr. A. G. Wood seconded, that the
report and accounts as presented be passed, and
in being put to the vote the motion was carried
unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Wood, seconded by
Mr. Sharp, that the election of Messrs. Slesig
and St. C. Michaelson as Directors, in the place
of Mr. Hoppius and Mr. C. Janzen, who is leav-
ing the Colony, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.
Proposed by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr.
Mitchell, that Mr. K. Amer be elected on the
board in the stead of Mr. H. H. Joseph.

Carried *unanimously*.
Proposed by Mr. G. M. Bain, seconded by Mr.
Wood, that Messrs. S. G. Bird and F. Henderson
be re-elected auditors. This was carried
unanimously.

The Chairman—This is all the business
before the meeting; I thank you for your
attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready
to-morrow morning.

THE KOWLOON SHOOTING
AFFRAY.

MAJESTY'S INQUIRY.

At the Magistrate's court on Saturday Mr. H. E.
Wodehouse, Attorney General, opened an inquiry into
the circumstances attending the shooting of a
Korean, a *haidar* of the Hongkong Regiment,
who, as reported in these columns at the time,
succumbed to injuries alleged to have been
inflicted on him by Nawab Shah, a corporal of
the deceased's regiment, with a revolver. The
following evidence was led:—

Laban Goodger, a petty officer in the Royal
Navy, attached to the torpedo depot at Kowloon,
said:—"I was on duty on Thursday night at the
depot when I heard a shot fired down the road,
and two minutes afterwards I heard a man
shoot. I ran and saw three Chinamen standing
in the middle of the road. They seemed to be
greatly alarmed at the firing of the shot, and look-
ed over their shoulders towards Yumai. I passed
the Chinamen and went further up the road,
and saw deceased twisting round in the
middle of the road, and as I got there he fell on
his back. Three members of the Rifle Brigade
came up, and so did Sergeant Marshall. One of
the Rifle Brigade pulled up the Indian's shirt,
and saw that he was bleeding from a wound
just below the left breast. The man, who was
quite conscious and able to speak in his own
language, was then taken to the Institute. I
went for an interpreter, and whilst he was taking
the statement of the deceased, the Sergeant went
for a doctor. The Institute is situated at the
corner of Elgin Street and Macdonnell Road,
and the latter road runs parallel with Whitefield
Barracks.

Inspector Corcor

training, but after closely watching their performances and studying their form I have come to the conclusion that there are only four "movers" in it and they are Black Velvet, Scot, Sinner and Rainbow.

The starters will be:—
Black Velvet, ridden by Mr. Bonhill.
Baccarat, " " Hart Buck.
Scot, " " Crawford.
Sinner, " " Master.
Voltaire, " " Humphreys.
Starlight, " " Cruickshank.
Warlock, " " Gresson.
Rainbow, " " Taylor.

Black Velvet has made astonishing time in training, so much so in fact that he holds premier position in several books. He is undoubtedly a first-class pony for a mile, but I doubt his being able to stay 15 miles at a clip. Scot has been doing very well, has plenty of pluck and "go," but can't cover the ground fast enough to come in for Derby honours. Baccarat, who has the advantage of Mr. Hart-Buck's careful pilotage, has not had enough work yet to do much in the Derby, but the first two days' racing should make him as fit as a fiddle on the third day. Sinner, a veritable "slug," has had lots of training and will go well in company, but he must be hard driven throughout or will soon "blow up the sponge" early in the game. Rainbow is the only one amongst the lot that is known to be a really first-class racer. He has never, so far, done wonderful time; but why go on training time which is oftentimes very misleading? Look at his shape, watch his easy motion and rattling gallop and then tell me if there is a single pony in the whole bunch that can touch him. He has never yet done anything remarkable, but I think he will startle the spectators on Wednesday all the same. The others are:—
"In it," so I tip as follows:—(1) Rainbow (2) Sinner, (3) Scot.

The fourth race on the "pro" is the Poochow Cup (2 miles) for which the starters will be:—Bevill, Bluebird, Haver, Timekeeper and Torchlight, and among this crowd Bluebird, Torchlight and Haver take my fancy in the order named. But if Bluebird is specially kept over for the Lusitania Cup, Torchlight should win, with Haver and Bevill in second and third places.

For the Valley Stakes, otherwise the maiden race for Subscription Grifins, there are 25 entries. The original number subscribed for was 30, but the odd five were not good enough to be entered. The whole lot are a sorry crowd, and during the whole of my career I have never seen such a lot of worthless cracks and whizzers. Craig-Ryle was the best of the lot, but he has been scratched. I fancy Premier, Silver Dart, Lunna, Pincanny, Fra Diavolo and Morrison will carry off most of the 1895 meeting. The starters will be:—

Disperses.....Mr. Bonhill.
Premier.....Mr. Hunt.
Silver Dart.....Mr. Crawford.
Lunna or Pincanny.....Mr. Master.
Magle.....Mr. Taylor.
Verona.....Mr. Hart Buck.
Iola.....Mr. Gresson.
Fra Diavolo.....Mr. Sampson.
Crested.....Mr. Humphreys.
Morrison.....Mr. May.
Sunset.....Mr. Noble.
Deerfoot.....Mr. Tomkins.
If Lunna starts he will win, with Silver Dart and Fra Diavolo second and third; but if Mr. Master mounts Pincanny then the order will be:—Silver Dart first, Pincanny second and Fra Diavolo third.

The Lusitania Cup will be contested for by Dunblane, Homestead, Hobel and perhaps Timekeeper. Dunblane should romp home an easy winner if Bluebird does not run, while the absence of Dunblane from the post would result in Hobel winning easily.

The Canton Cup: Starters—Baccarat, Colt, Harfang, Voltigeur, Alamo, Warlock, and Sunrise. As Harfang is going to be specially reserved for this event he ought to win with Colt and Warlock second and third.

The Hongkong Club Cup: Starters—Bluebird, Cobweb, Primrose, and perhaps Blue Ribbon. This should be a gift for Bluebird, but in his absence Cobweb will just manage to take the prize from Primrose.

The Commodore Cup should be won easily by Pincanny, but if Lunna is kept over for this event he will assuredly romp home an easy winner.

The Encouragement Stakes: It is impossible to name the starters. However, should Pincanny start here he will win, in his absence I think Diogenes or Wild Fire will be the first to catch the Judges' eye.

The second day's "tips" I will give after seeing the first day's racing. Should the heavens open and rain descend in torrents between this and Wednesday, or on Wednesday, there will, of course, be many upsets, but rain or no rain, and barring accidents, Rainbow will win the Derby.

EARLY BIRD.

ANOTHER BANGKOK LIBEL CASE.

COCKROFT vs. "SIAM OBSERVER."

Yesterday, says the Bangkok Times of the 7th instant, Mr. Naylor filed in H.B.M. Court on behalf of Mr. Cockcroft, a petition in a suit for libel against the Siam Observer newspaper. The document states:—

(1) The plaintiff is a journalist at present engaged as sub-editor of the Bangkok Times newspaper.
(2) The defendant is, and on the 1st day of February, 1895, was, proprietor of the Siam Observer newspaper.

(3) On the 1st day of February, 1895, the following false and malicious statements were published and printed in the Siam Observer newspaper of and concerning the plaintiff, the words following to wit:—

(a) "There is moreover one paragraph in the affidavit (meaning an affidavit sworn by the plaintiff in the case of R. v. Perera in this Honourable Court) which is of a most scandalous nature, and we are astonished that the Court here has taken no notice of it" (meaning thereby that the plaintiff had committed an offence which rendered him liable to the criminal jurisdiction of this Honourable Court).

(b) "Both he" (meaning the plaintiff) "and Mr. Naylor (meaning the plaintiff's counsel in the case of R. v. Perera) may be thankful that they were not appearing in a Court of Justice at home" (meaning thereby that had the plaintiff sworn the same affidavit in a Court in England he would have rendered him liable to the criminal jurisdiction of that Court).

(c) "To invite a man to go to another's house and steal so as to produce evidence against a third" (meaning thereby that the plaintiff had been guilty of the criminal offence of incitement to larceny in order to secure the conviction of a man against whom he had entered a criminal charge in this Honourable Court).

(4) That the plaintiff has by reason of the aforesaid false and malicious statements, printed and published in the Siam Observer, suffered considerable damage.

The plaintiff therefore claims:—
(1) \$5,000 damages.
(2) The costs of this suit.

(3) Such further or other relief as the nature of this case may require.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—An exhibition of photographs is to be held at the Imperial Institute, London, and the Colonies are invited to exhibit. It is intended to hold a preliminary exhibition of the pictures at the rooms of the Odd Volumes Society two or three weeks from this date.

DIVISION 2, SECTION A.—ARTISTIC PHOTO.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PICTURES.
In this division will be included only such photographs as have distinct artistic merit. It is hoped that all schools of artistic photography may be represented, and contributions, whether new or previously exhibited pictures, are invited from Home, Colonial, and Indian photographers. Contributions from the representatives of deceased artists (except such works as might better be displayed in the Historical Division) will also be welcomed.

The maximum number of pictures that may be sent in by any one exhibitor will be six. A selection will be made by the Committee, whose decision will be final.

The Exhibition will open early in May, 1895, and will remain open till about the middle of September or probably a little later.

No charge will be made for space occupied by pictures accepted for this section. Each picture should be separately framed. On the back of the frame must be written the name and address of the exhibitor, with the title or description of the picture, and the number (if there is more than one) corresponding to the number in the entry form.

The entry form must be sent with the pictures or previously.

The pictures must be received not later than Monday, 15th April, 1895, at 12 noon.

They must be addressed, "Exhibition of Photography," Division 2, Imperial Institute, London, S.W.

Pictures must be delivered, carriage paid, at the Imperial Institute or by hand between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (1 o'clock on Saturdays).

The Imperial Institute will unpack, repack, and despatch, carriage forward, all exhibits sent in cases, which may be selected by the committee of advice.

Every care will be taken of exhibits, but the Institute will not be responsible for loss or damage.

Entry forms will be supplied to exhibitors on receipt of their pictures at the Odd Volumes rooms. It is to be hoped that all photographers, both professional and amateur, will send their best to make a collection thoroughly representative of the advancement of photography in Hongkong. I shall be glad to give any further information in my power. A copy of all the circulars and forms referred may be seen on the notice board of the Odd Volumes society.

Thanking you for the insertion of this.—Yours truly,

C. H. GALE, F.R.S., A.M.I.C.E.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1895.

THE ORIENTAL WAR.

We are indebted to our Shanghai contemporaries for the following items of news from the seat of war:—

THE PRIVATE FLEET.

With the exception of the *Tingyuen*, and the *Laiyuen*, *Waiyuen* and two other ships of smaller size which have been sunk, the rest of the Peiyang fleet is still (14th) at Liukungtao island assisting in its defence and fighting bravely. The *Tingyuen*, although considerably damaged in the stern by a torpedo, has not sunk but has been beached and a number of her guns are still serviceable and have been used since the disaster. The *Chienyue* is now the flagship, with Admiral McClure chief in command on shore and afloat. The sortie made the other night was by a number of our torpedo boats which went out to try to torpedo some of the enemy's large cruisers lying quite near the western entrance, but, unfortunately, the attempt proved futile, and the retreat to Liukungtao was blocked by superior numbers.

There was nothing left but fight, although two of the enemy's torpedo boats were destroyed at the beginning of the fight. Thirteen torpedo boats made the sortie, only two returning in safety.

THE CHIEFOF PORTS.
The East forts are thirty 1/2 miles from the port of Chefoo and some of the Japanese ships when passing the place fired at the forts, the fire being returned. Two shots struck an enemy's ship and then the rest made off. The forts are too far from the foreign Settlement for the cannonading to have done any harm to the latter.

Lungman, fifty 1/2 miles from Chefoo, has been attacked by a Japanese squadron conveying a number of transports. The enemy apparently intended to make a landing here in order to take Chefoo in the rear. The roads between Wei-hai-wei, Ninghai and Chefoo are still held by a large force of Chinese, who are trying to block the enemy's advance northwards.

JAPANESE INTENTIONS.
The high dignitaries of the North have received reliable information to the effect that the Japanese finding themselves unequal to the task of fighting their way to Peking by way of Shanhaikuan, or the eastern route, owing to the vast superiority in numbers of the Chinese army between Shanhaikuan and their objective, have decided to take the western, or Shanlung route, to get to Peking. Large numbers of the enemy's troops are therefore now being withdrawn from Manchuria for Shantung to reinforce those at present in that province.

An official telegram from Tientsin states that the retreat of Governor Li and his army to Lichow, was in obedience to an Imperial decree of the 6th instant, ordering him to mass the Shanlung troops in the vicinity of that city, which is on the high road to Peking.

REFUGEES FROM CHEFOO.
Shanghai, February 12th.
The *Lips*, in addition to 163 native passengers, brought down the following foreign refugees from Chefoo:—Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hickmann, Mr. Albrecht, Mrs. Bouchier, Mr. Nielsen, Mrs. Baulecker, Miss Evans, and the great Commander Philo McGiffie.

Affairs, by all accounts, continue quiet at Chefoo and a danger is apprehended there. The Chinese idlers have been clearing out of the forts in such large numbers lately that there are only about 600 odd remaining there now, although military refugees from Wei-hai-wei are continually pouring in.

M. R. PROMOTORY LIGHTHOUSE.
The Lighthouse on the North-east Promontory is in the care of three foreigners, four Chinese and three coolies. The foreigners' names are Broadway, Knot and Wolff. The wages paid to them by the Customs is said to have been \$70, \$60 and \$40 per month respectively, and the Chinese \$8 to \$4. The Lighthouse, of course, now belongs to Japan and the men's wages go on just the same, but paid by the Japanese, and the men continue their duties. Captain Hiraoka and twelve men of the Japanese navy keep a watch to see that their orders are carried out.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The following from the *Siam Free Press* will commend itself to all who are interested in the latest subject so d-dily handled by the Justice Ackroyd at a recent meeting of the Odd Volumes:—

The destinies of Hongkong in its early days were decided over by a succession of Governors drawn from the army of the Great Unseen, whose rule was characterised by a severity towards the native population undreamt of in these days of improved administration and more cultivated administrators. For fully a quarter of a century Chinese criminals were most summarily dealt with—public flogging with the cat-o-nine tails, branding with red-hot iron, and deportation being the order of the day. The principle of the principle enunciated by the Social Science Societies at home, that violent repressive measures had never been known to stamp out crime, was never better illustrated than in the case of Hongkong. The branding of criminals at the back of the ear prevented them from turning over a new leaf in their career on the mainland, and, as a consequence, they formed themselves on the outskirts of Hongkong into a colony of habituated criminals, ready to swoop down upon the colony whenever a favourable opportunity offered. The colonists did not realise the failure of what they were wont to call "deterrent punishments." They were in a groove, as it were, and unable to see further than the tips of their noses. Such was the state of affairs when the late Sir John Pope Hennessy assumed the reins of government. Sir John at once made it known that the rule of the iron rod was a thing of the past, and that he meant to govern the colony with a will, with a stick, and yet on more refined principles than those then in vogue. It is needless to say that Sir John met with the most bitter opposition. However, the new Governor was undaunted, and in less than a year all barbarous forms of punishment were eliminated from the Hongkong Statutes. The most direful results were predicted by the wisacres, but Hongkong was never the worse and has greatly improved, since the system was introduced of dealing its criminals with some show of humanity.

A change has lately come over the economic conditions of the colony, and in order to increase the revenue, monopolies have been resorted to, and taxes imposed on hawkers, chair coolies, and other minor callings. As has always been the case, state-created crimes followed in the wake of the Hongkong monopolies, and imprisonment in default of fines, is inflicted in a sweeping way on the so-called criminals. By the late Hongkong papers to hand we are, however, glad to find that the mantle of Sir John Pope Hennessy has fallen upon the worthy shoulders of Chief Justice Ackroyd, who is instituting a crusade against such a pernicious system. In an address to a crowded meeting of the members of the "Odd Volumes," under the presidency of the Governor, Chief Justice Ackroyd maintained that imprisonment for non-payment of fines is unconstitutional, and instead of being of any use it is mischievous and oppressive, since a person sentenced to imprisonment for non-payment of a fine associates and works with other criminals, and that such a system is not only bad but positively injurious both to the State and to the individual. The Chief Justice concluded a most eloquent address with the following appeal to the legislature:—

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